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August 31, 2004

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction and maintenance services contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. RDC0013930 - Cold Canyon Road, vicinity of Monte Nido (3), to Excel Paving Company, in amount of \$407,598.82.

Project ID No. RDC0014102 - Van Buren Avenue, et al., vicinity of Athens (2), to Sully-Miller Contracting Company, in amount of \$394,107.25.

Project ID No. RDC0014170 - Washington Boulevard at Norwalk Boulevard, vicinity of Santa Fe Springs (1), to Steiny and Company, Inc., in amount of \$107,827.70.

Project ID No. RDC0014412 - Fullerton Road at Sunrise Drive, vicinity of Rowland Heights (4), to Steiny and Company, Inc., in amount of \$126,664.00.

Project ID No. RDC0014475 - Hemingway Avenue at Kavenagh Lane, vicinity of Stevenson Ranch (5), to Taft Electric Company, in amount of 85,515.09.

Project ID No. RMD1546029 - Parkway Tree Trimming, RD 514, FY 2004-05, vicinity of Altadena (5), to Travers Tree Service, Inc., in amount of \$68,252.00.

Project ID No. TSM0010007 - Imperial Highway at Firestone Boulevard, et al., City of Norwalk (4), to Sequel Contractors, Inc., in amount of \$219,519.50.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. RDC0013930, RDC0014170, RDC0014475, RMD1546029, and TSM0010007.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2004-05 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On February 3, 2004, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for Project ID No. RDC0014102.

Each of the remaining projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Interim Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
August 31, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013930, COLD CANYON ROAD (in the vicinity of Monte Nido),
Supervisory District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Resurfacing and widening of roadway pavement, construction of guardrail and terminal systems, and installation of striping and pavement markings.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: June 1, 2004 (Synopsis 57)

BID OPENING DATE: July 27, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Palp, Inc., a corporation dba Excel Paving Company 2230 Lemon Avenue Long Beach, California 90806 (562) 599-5841	\$407,598.82
2	Tiffany Group, Inc.	\$448,810.77

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$272,365.70
Amount of recommended contract	\$407,598.82
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$135,233.12

The amount of the recommended contract is 50 percent above the engineer's estimate which was based on previous contract prices for similar items of work. Since the two bids submitted were very competitive, it is very unlikely that readvertising the project would result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend that the contract be awarded to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Excel Paving Company has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(2), (x)(14), (x)(17), and (x)(23), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in October and be completed in December 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
August 31, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014102, VAN BUREN AVENUE, ET AL.
(in the vicinity of Athens), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruction and resurfacing of roadway pavement; reconstruction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, and cross gutters; construction of drainage structures, curb ramps, and a street lighting system; and the removal and planting of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: July 6, 2004 (Synopsis 27)

BID OPENING DATE: August 3, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Sully-Miller Contracting Company, a corporation 1100 East Orangethorpe Avenue, Suite 200 Anaheim, California 92801 (714) 578-9600	\$394,107.25
2	Shawnan	\$416,670.50
3	Alliance Streetworks, Inc.	\$421,970.50
4	*+Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$434,604.50
5	Excel Paving Company	\$437,740.00
6	Kalban, Inc.	\$550,723.50

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$444,002.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$394,107.25
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 49,895.25

The amount of the recommended contract is 11 percent below the estimate.

Construction of the road improvements will be financed using Road Funds, and construction of the street lighting improvements will be financed using the County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 Funds administered by this Department. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road Fund Budget and also in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Sully-Miller Contracting Company has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On February 3, 2004, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for this project.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in October 2004 and be completed in January 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014170, WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AT NORWALK BOULEVARD (in the vicinity of Santa Fe Springs), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Installation of traffic signals and striping and pavement markings and construction of curb, sidewalk, and curb ramps.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: July 20, 2004 (Synopsis 20)

BID OPENING DATE: August 24, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Steiny and Company, Inc., a corporation 12907 East Garvey Avenue Baldwin Park, California 91706 (626) 338-9923	\$107,827.70
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2	*C. T. & F., Inc.	\$109,638.64
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 86,432.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$107,827.70
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 21,395.20

The amount of the recommended contract is 25 percent above the engineer's estimate which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. Our review of the estimate reveals that it did not account for increased pricing due to the relatively small quantities of work included in several contract items. Since the bids received are competitive, we do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Steiny and Company, Inc., an MWBE, has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 5.4 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(4) and (x)(5), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 25 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September and be completed in October 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014412, FULLERTON ROAD AT SUNRISE DRIVE
(in the vicinity of Rowland Heights), Supervisorial District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Installation of traffic signals, striping and pavement markings, and construction of curb ramps.

CALL FOR BIDS: July 6, 2004 (Synopsis 28)

BID OPENING DATE: August 3, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Steiny and Company, Inc., a corporation 12907 East Garvey Avenue Baldwin Park, California 91706 (626) 338-9923	\$126,664.00
2	*C. T. & F., Inc.	\$126,901.47
3	Excel Paving Company	\$170,494.05

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$101,266.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$126,664.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 25,397.50

The amount of the recommended contract is 25 percent above the estimate which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. Our review of the estimate reveals that it did not account for increased pricing due to the relatively small quantities of work included in several contract items. Since the bids received are competitive, we do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Steiny and Company, Inc., an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-Mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(5) and (x)(7), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 30 working days; however, an additional 120 calendar days are required for the contractor to obtain the necessary equipment and materials. Therefore, it is estimated that the work will start in December 2004 and be completed in February 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014475, HEMINGWAY AVENUE AT KAVENAGH LANE
(in the vicinity of Stevenson Ranch), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Installation of traffic signals, striping and pavement markings, and construction of curb ramps.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: July 13, 2004 (Synopsis 25)

BID OPENING DATE: August 10, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Taft Electric Company, a corporation 1694 Eastman Avenue Ventura, California 93003-5782 (805) 642-0121	\$85,515.09
2	TDS Engineering	\$91,774.70
3	*C. T. & F., Inc.	\$97,301.16
4	*Steiny and Company, Inc.	\$98,514.71

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$67,215.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$85,515.09
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$18,299.59

The amount of the recommended contract is 27 percent above the engineer's estimate which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. Our review of the estimate reveals that it did not account for increased pricing due to the relatively small quantities of work included in several contract items. Since the bids received are competitive, we do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Taft Electric Company has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 15 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(5), (x)(14), and (x)(22), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 25 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in October and be completed in November 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
August 31, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. RMD1546029, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, RD 514, FY 2004-05
(in the vicinity of Altadena), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: July 20, 2004 (Synopsis 41)

BID OPENING DATE: August 17, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Travers Tree Service, Inc., a corporation PMB 7000-416 Palos Verdes Peninsula, California 90274 (310) 530-3920	\$68,252.00
2	West Coast Arborists, Inc.	\$92,700.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$53,560.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$68,252.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$14,692.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 27 percent above the engineer's estimate. A review of the estimate and bidder's pricing indicates that the estimate prices for some items were below current market prices. Based on the bids received, we do not believe that readvertising this project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend that the contract be awarded to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Travers Tree Service, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (j), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in November and be completed in December 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
August 31, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010007, IMPERIAL HIGHWAY AT FIRESTONE BOULEVARD,
ET AL. (City of Norwalk), Supervisorial District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Widening of roadway pavement; construction of curb, sidewalk, driveways, curb and gutter, and curb ramps; and the installation of striping and pavement markings.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: June 29, 2004 (Synopsis 118)

BID OPENING DATE: July 27, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Sequel Contractors, Inc., a corporation 13546 Imperial Highway Santa Fe Springs, California 90670 (562) 802-7227	\$219,519.50
2	Shawnan	\$223,875.75
3	Excel Paving Company	\$225,852.35
4	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$233,287.50
5	*+Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$249,800.00

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$184,764.25
Amount of recommended contract	\$219,519.50
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 34,755.25

The amount of the recommended contract is 19 percent above the engineer's estimate which was based on the bid price history of the various items. A review of the estimate indicates that the prices of several items were below current market prices. Based on the bid prices received, we do not believe that readvertising this project would result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has approved a grant of Proposition C Discretionary funds to finance the majority of the project cost; therefore, the project will be constructed at no cost to the City of Norwalk. This project is included in the 2004-2005 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Sequel Contractors, Inc., has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 18 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(14), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in October and be completed in December 2004.

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